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SUBJ: RATSIRAKA'S TRIP

REF: ANT 1803

1. SUMMARY: MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE PARIS PORTION OF PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S TRIP CONTINUES TO BE MORE IMPRESSIVE THAN THAT ACCORDED TO ANY OTHER LEG. END SUMMARY.

2. THE LEAD HEADLINE IN 27 SEPT MADAGASCAR MATIN "LE RENDEZ-VOUS DU REALISME ET DE LA RAISON" WAS TYPICAL OF THE EUPHORIC COVERAGE THAT THE PRESS MEETING BETWEEN RATSIRAKA AND GISCARD HAS BEEN RECEIVING IN MADAGASCAR. THE CATCH WORDS BEING MOST OFTEN USED ARE "RETROUVAILLES FRANCO-MALAGSCHES" (FRANCO MALAGASY REDISCOVERY).

3. THE THEME BEING PUSHED IS THAT BOTH FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR ARE WORKING TOWARD COMMON GOALS ALBIET BY DIFFERENT METHODS AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES.

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4. IN AN EFFORT TO SHOW THAT THIS MEETING HAS TAKEN FRANCE BY STORM AS WELL, AN ARTICLE, "AN AFRICAN SOCIALIST AT THE ELYSEE" FROM "LE MATIN DE PARIS" WAS CARRIED IN FULL AS WERE EXCERPTS FROM "LE GIGARO." ACCORDING TO THE "FIGARO EXCERPTS, SOURCES AT THE ELYSEE INDICATED THAT INsofar AS ECONOMIC POLICY WAS CONCERNED, THERE WEA VERY LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND AN EFFORT

HAD BEEN MADE TO AVOID THE HOTTER POLITICAL ISSUES SUCH AS MAYOTTE OR THE PRESENCE OF BOB DENARD IN THE COMOROS. THE FIGARO EXCERPTS ALSO CARRIED A QUOTE FROM GISCARD AFTER THE INITIAL MEETING TO THE EFFECT THAT RATSIRAKA "DIDN'T MINCE HIS WORDS." THIS WAS NOT MENTIONED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF MADAGASCAR MATIN WHICH CARRIED RATSIRAKA'S COMMENTS IN FULL TO THE EFFECT THAT HE WAS REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH THE INITIAL MEETING. THE "MATIN" ARTICLE WAS FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND DEALT MOSTLY WITH THE RECENT HISTORY OF FRANCO-MALAGASY RELATIONS.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE WAITING TO SEE IF HE WILL CONTINUE HIS TRAVELS OR WILL RETURN THIS WEEKEND WITH THE NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR, CAMPREDOU, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON SATURDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER. CURRENT SPECULATION IN THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY FAVORS THE LATTER. ADAMS

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